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SUBJECT: ITALY-CHILE RELATIONS

REF: ROME 7323

1. DURING LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION MAY 30, SECRETARY OF CHILEAN EMBASSY TO HOLY SEE TOLD US HE PERSONALLY FEARS THAT ITALY AND CHILE HEADING FOR SHOWDOWN WHICH WILL RESULT IN MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES D'AFFAIRES. SOURCE NOTED THAT SANTIAGO ALREADY AWARE CHILEAN CHARGE AGAIN FAILED TO BE INVITED TO MAJOR ITALIAN FUNCTION AND THAT GOC FEELS THESE OFFENSES TO ITS DIGNITY CAN NO LONGER BE TOLERATED.

2. IN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT ITALIANS HAD MOST TO LOSE, SOURCE MENTIONED SIZE OF ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN CHILE AND UPCOMING CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR ALITALIA WHICH, HE SAID, COULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE PLACE BEFORE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION PROPERLY SETTLED.

3. SOURCE ALSO STATED UNEQUIVOCABLY THAT ITALIAN CHARGE DE VERGOTTINI DID ENTER CHILE ON TOURIST VISA WHICH NOW EXPIRED.

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IN SOURCE'S OPINION, ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE PROBABLY DID NOT

WISH TO REQUEST DIPLOMATIC VISA FOR DE VERGOTTINI BECAUSE THIS
WOULD IN A SENSE HAVE BEEN A GESTURE OF RECOGNITION.VOLPE

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